

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer accessible memory medium which stores program instructions implementing a graphical user interface (GUI) for debugging a program, wherein, during execution of the program, the program instructions are executable by a processor to perform:

displaying source code for the program on a display during execution of the program, wherein the executing program was compiled from the source code;

receiving first user input hovering a mouse cursor over an expression in the source code during execution of the program;

in response to said hovering the mouse cursor over the expression, automatically displaying a GUI element proximate to the expression, wherein the GUI element includes a value of the expression;

receiving second user input to the GUI element modifying the displayed value, thereby specifying a new value for the expression; and

setting the expression in the program to the new value in response to the second user input, wherein the program continues execution in accordance with the new value of the expression.

2.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the GUI element is context sensitive.

7. (Previously Presented) The memory medium of claim 6, wherein the GUI element comprises a control corresponding to a data type of the expression, and wherein the data type of the expression comprises at least one of:

- a string data type;
- a character data type;
- a numeric data type;
- a Boolean data type; and
- an array data type.

8. (Previously Presented) The memory medium of claim 6, wherein the GUI element is operable to display the value of the expression in a specified format;

wherein if the expression comprises integer data, the specified format comprises one or more of:

- decimal;
- hexadecimal;
- octal;
- binary; and
- ASCII; and

wherein if the expression comprises single or double precision, the specified format comprises one or more of:

- floating point; and
- scientific notation.

9. (Original) The memory medium of claim 8, wherein the specified format is specified via a second GUI element in the GUI.

10. (Currently Amended) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the GUI element ~~tooltip~~ comprises:

a first portion, operable to display the value of the expression, wherein the first portion is further operable to receive the second user input modifying the value; and

a second portion, operable to display non-editable information related to the expression.

11. (Original) The memory medium of claim 10, wherein the second portion comprises a text indicator, operable to display text.

12. (Original) The memory medium of claim 10, wherein the first portion is further operable to graphically indicate that the value is editable.

13. (Original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the expression comprises a variable.

14. (Original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the expression comprises a syntactic expression comprising one or more of:

- one or more variables;
- one or more constants;
- one or more macros; and
- one or more operators.

15. (Original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the execution of the program is in debugging mode.

16. (Original) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the program instructions are further executable to perform:

- evaluating the expression to determine the value of the expression.

17. (Previously Presented) The memory medium of claim 1, wherein the program instructions are further executable to perform:

- dismissing the GUI element based on one or more of:
 - third user input, indicating dismissal of the GUI element; and
 - lapse of a specified time period.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for debugging a program, the method comprising:

displaying source code for the program on a display during execution of the program, wherein the executing program was compiled from the source code;

receiving first user input hovering a mouse cursor over an expression in the source code during execution of the program;

in response to said hovering the mouse cursor over the expression, automatically displaying a value of the expression in a tooltip proximate to the expression;

receiving second user input to the tooltip modifying the displayed value, thereby specifying a new value for the expression; and

setting the expression in the program to the new value, wherein the program continues execution in accordance with the new value of the expression.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for debugging a program, the system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor, wherein the memory medium comprises program instructions implementing a graphical user interface (GUI) for debugging the program, wherein the program instructions are executable by the processor to:

display source code for the program on a display during execution of the program, wherein the executing program was compiled from the source code;

receive first user input hovering a mouse cursor over an expression in the source code during execution of the program;

in response to said hovering the mouse cursor over the expression, automatically display a value of the expression in a tooltip proximate to the expression;

receive second user input to the tooltip modifying the displayed value, thereby specifying a new value for the expression; and

set the expression in the program to the new value, wherein the program continues execution in accordance with the new value of the expression.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for debugging a program, the system comprising:

means for displaying source code for the program on a display during execution of the program, wherein the executing program was compiled from the source code;

means for receiving first user input hovering a mouse cursor over an expression in the source code during execution of the program;

means for automatically displaying a value of the expression in a GUI element proximate to the expression in response to said hovering the mouse cursor over the expression;

means for receiving second user input to the tooltip modifying the displayed value, thereby specifying a new value for the expression; and

means for setting the expression in the program to the new value, wherein the program continues execution in accordance with the new value of the expression.

21. (Currently Amended) A memory medium which stores program instructions implementing a graphical user interface (GUI) for debugging a program, wherein, during execution of the program, the program instructions are executable by a processor to perform:

displaying source code for the program on a display during execution of the program, wherein the executing program was compiled from the source code;

receiving first user input hovering a mouse cursor over an expression in the source code during execution of the program;

in response to said hovering the mouse cursor over the expression, automatically displaying the value of the expression in a window proximate to the expression, wherein

the window is operable to display a value of the indicated expression, wherein the window does not include window title bars or menus;

receiving second user input to the window modifying the displayed value, thereby specifying a new value for the expression; and

setting the expression in the program to the new value, wherein the program continues execution in accordance with the new value of the expression.

22. (Original) The memory medium of claim 21, wherein the window is substantially just large enough to display the value of the indicated expression.

23. (Original) The memory medium of claim 21, wherein the window is further operable to display the indicated expression, and wherein the program instructions are further executable to perform:

displaying the indicated expression with the value in the window, wherein the window does not include visible boundaries demarcating the displayed expression and value, wherein the window is substantially just large enough to display the indicated expression and the value of the indicated expression.